



U.S. Consulate General, Johannesburg

Warden Message

Department of State Travel Alert – Zimbabwe

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This Warden Message is being issued to provide U.S. citizens with the Department of State's new Travel Alert regarding safety and security concerns throughout Zimbabwe due to ongoing political instability following the March 29 national elections. The Travel Alert advises them to consider carefully the risks of travel to Zimbabwe at this time. This supersedes the Travel Alert for Zimbabwe dated February 15, 2008 and expires on June 1, 2008.

U.S. citizens should carefully consider the risks of travel to Zimbabwe. While the country awaits results of the March 29 presidential elections, security forces including some military and police, as well as war veterans are creating a climate of intimidation and fear across the country, particularly in rural areas and high-density suburbs. There have been attacks on opposition supporters, renewed farm invasions, and arrests of election officials accused of vote tampering. There is a continued risk of arbitrary detention or arrest.

Americans should be particularly aware of using still, video or telephone cameras in any urban setting, or in the vicinity of any political activity, as this could be construed by Zimbabwean authorities as practicing journalism without accreditation, a crime punishable by arrest, incarceration and/or deportation.

American citizens traveling to or resident in Zimbabwe should register with the U.S. Embassy by completing a registration form online at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. Registration enables the Embassy to contact American citizens in case of emergency and provide updates on the security situation.

As the Department of State continues to develop information on any potential security threats to U.S. citizens overseas, it shares credible threat information through its consular information program documents, available on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. The U.S. Embassy is located at 877 Pretorius Street, Arcadia in Pretoria; telephone (27-12) 431-4000 (within South Africa 012-431-4000); fax (27-12) 431-5504 (within South Africa 012-431-5504); web site <http://usembassy.state.gov/pretoria/>.

The U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg provides consular services for Americans in the Pretoria area. The Consulate General in Johannesburg is located at No. 1 River Street (corner of River and Riviera Road), Killarney, Johannesburg; telephone (27-11) 644-8000 (from South Africa 011-644-8000); fax (27-11) 646-6916 (from South Africa (011-646-6916). Its consular jurisdiction includes Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, NorthWest, and Free State provinces.

The Consulate General in Cape Town is located at the 2 Reddam Avenue, Westlake, Cape Town, telephone (27-21) 702-7300 (from South Africa 021-702-7300), fax (27-21) 702-7493 (from South Africa 021-702-7493). Its consular jurisdiction includes Western Cape, Eastern Cape, and Northern Cape provinces.

The Consulate General in Durban is located at the Old Mutual Building, 31st floor, 303 West Street, telephone (27-31) 305-7600 (from South Africa 031-305-7600), fax (27-31) 305-7691 (from South Africa 031-305-7691). Its consular jurisdiction is KwaZulu-Natal Province.